

## G. Adjacent Land Use

Ojito is surrounded by single-family residential development to the east, west, and south. The northwest corner of the property abuts the Sandia Mountain Wilderness. This portion of the Cibola National Forest was designated a wilderness area in 1978. Predominant uses are hiking and nature observation. The historic *San Antonio de Padua* Roman Catholic Church is a neighbor of note at the southeast corner of the property.

## V. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The Steering Committee played an important role in planning efforts by participating in dialogue about management goals for Ojito. All of their responses to key questions regarding current and future management at Ojito are listed below.

### What do you think are the most important **values** at Ojito?

- Delicate riparian environment
- Known archeological sites (Indian and Hispanic)
- Excellent water quality and quantity
- Abundance of water for wildlife
- Plant diversity/biodiversity of species
- Good trail network
- Orchard
- Wildlife and habitat preservation
- *Important Bird Area* designation

### What are the **issues** and **concerns** that need to be addressed?

- Potential site damage if access not controlled
- Secluded location presents opportunities for misuse
- Fire risk
- Non-native species
- Appropriate orchard management
- Access road maintenance (level depends on public use)
- Poison Ivy/Sumac
- Potential conflicts between bears and public
- Seasonal closure may be necessary
- Not an appropriate area for biking

### What **opportunities** are there at the site?

- Environmental educational and conservation
- Preserve for wildlife
- Adaptive re-use of structure as information kiosk

- Use as a resource for Environmental/Cultural Education
- Link Carlito Springs to Ojito de San Antonio with trails
- Grafting program to preserve heirloom orchard

What **information** exists and who has it?

- *Acequia Madre de San Antonio* Community Ditch Association has information on deeds, site history, and families that resided on site and in community
- Talking Talons bird survey
- A book on Tijeras Canyon has information on water
- Lab of Anthropology should have relevant data
- Need a plant inventory (UNM Biology student)
- Need water quality studies done by Bernalillo County Environmental Health
- Gary Hefkin, current Commissioner and Secretary of the *Acequia Madre de San Antonio* Community Ditch Association, retains written records on behalf of the Acequia Association.

VI. MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES FOR RESOURCES, VISITORS, AND STEWARDSHIP

The information compiled in this section is a result of analyzing site baseline data and key issues identified through community input. This section begins with a statement that describes the desired future conditions at Ojito. This statement was developed with strong community involvement and it is not meant to limit future site opportunities or decisions.